

REPORT
OF THE
COLLECTOR, SELECTMEN, TREASURER,
AND SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE
OF THE
TOWN OF ATKINSON, N. H.,
FOR THE
YEAR ENDING MARCH 1ST, 1876.

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COLLECTOR'S REPORT.

The Collector charges himself as follows:

By taxes committed for collection	\$5,174 38
Railroad tax	100 63
Literary fund	30 53
Savings Bank tax	7 37
Interest on taxes since Dec. 1, 1875	4 14
	<hr/> \$5,317 05

The Collector credits himself as follows:

By receipt for State tax	\$692 00
" County tax	644 25
" Prudential Com. Dist. No. 5	425 00
" Town Treasurer	3,050 00
	<hr/> \$4,811 25
Balance in hands of Collector	\$505 80

S. BURLEY MASON, Collector.

The Selectmen have given orders on the Treasurer as follows:

TOWN OFFICERS.

A. B. Little, services as Selectman	\$55 00
S. S. Shannon " " "	45 00
J. W. Peaslee " " "	33 00
S. Burley Mason services as Town Clerk	16 34
" " " Collector	64 68
W. W. Hatch, Treasurer and Auditor	25 00
Jesse Page, Supt. School Committee	13 00
J. H. Whitaker, services as Auditor, 1875	3 00
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HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

D. W. Goodnow, repairs on bridge	204 67
J. R. Hovey " " "	5 50

John Roberts	repairs	on highway	17 51
J W. Peaslee	"	bridge	14 23
A. King	"	highway	37 00
D. W. Goodnow	"	"	10 26
C F. Noyes	"	"	8 87
Daniel Merrill	"	bridge	2 96
John Little	"	highway	11 30
A J. Hall	"	"	8 20
S. S. Shannon	"	"	5 25
C. F. Noyes	"	bridge	1 75

\$327 50

NON-RESIDENT HIGHWAY TAX.

John Pettengill, jr.,	1874	\$17 70
John Roberts,	1875	11 94
S. G. Chandler	"	44 01
D. W. Goodnow	"	4 58
John Little	"	7 54
S S. Shannon	"	22 83
Thomas L. Page	"	6 23
John Pettengill, jr ,	"	6 67
S G. Chandler	"	23 75
C. F. Noyes	"	9 10

\$154 35

Non-resident Highway receipts \$35 16

SUNDRIES.

O. R. Fowler, coffin and robe	\$ 19 00
D. R. B. Coffin, sheep damage	5 00
A. B. Little, book and expenses to Exeter	4 35
" " expenses to Boston	3 00
E H. Safford, printing reports of 1874	15 00
George Wright, opening grave	6 50
A. B. Little, expenses to Dedham	4 45
Barnard Jewell, hearse	220 00
David Webster, over paid tax 1874	3 30
Greenleaf Clarke, trustee rent of hall	30 00

A. B. Little, expenses to Exeter, and counsel	4 60
S. S. Shannon, expenses to Boston, South Hampton, Methuen, and one guide post	8 50
Wm. R. Little, interest on order	2 60
B. H. Steele, painting hearse house and repair on gate	8 77
J. W. Peaslee, expenses to Boston and South Hampton	7 00
Transient Poor	4 92
S. B. Mason, expenses to Concord and Exeter	6 75
John Dow, ringing bell	30 00
A. B. Little, stationery	1 00
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	\$384 74
Unpaid order 1874, N. Paul	2 51
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	\$387 25

SNOW BILLS.

S. G. Chandler	\$17 60
John Pettengill, jr,	4 30
John Roberts	10 80
D. W. Goodnow	8 80
John Little	4 80
Alexander King	4 20
George Wright	2 70
C. C. Greenough	2 80
S. S. Shannon	29 82
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	\$85 52

SCHOOLS.

Paid School Orders	\$650 00
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ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

Jesse Page, 1874,	\$1000
Joshua Richards, 1874,	2 82
Michael Birmingham, 1874,	40

John S. Huntress,	1874,	4 18
Nathaniel Little,	1874,	1 41
Henry Merrick,	1874,	1 41
Frank C. Lake,	1874,	3 26
John Sargent,	1873,	7 06
Harriet W. Roberts,	1873,	17 40
E. P. Hoitt,	1875,	3 00
Robert Stewart,	1875,	1 35
James Haseltine,	1875,	78
William Haseltine,	1875,	2 88
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		\$55 95

TREASURER'S REPORT.

The Treasurer charges himself as follows:

Received of Collector,	\$3050 00
abatement of taxes, 1873,	24 46
interest on taxes, "	24 54
Treasurer, 1874,	413 08
amount on Town notes,	7100 00
sale of hearse and harness,	9 27
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	\$10 621 35

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Amount paid on town notes,	\$8403 15
Amount paid on orders,	1915 59
Non resident highway receipts,	35 16
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	\$10 353 90
Balance in hands of Treasurer,	267 45
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	\$10 621 35

TOWN LIABILITIES.

By sundry notes,	\$6,318 51
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Assets :	
Cash in hands of collector,	\$505 80
“ “ “ “ treasurer,	267 45
Claim on United States,	1285 60
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	\$2058 85
Balance against the town,	\$4259 66
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Reduction of Town debt,	1188 35

W. W. HATCH, Treasurer.

The Auditors failing to appear, we respectfully submit the foregoing report.

W. W. HATCH, Treasurer.

S. BURLEY MASON, Collector.

ALFRED B. LITTLE,	}	Selectmen of Atkinson.
S. S. SHANNON,		
JUSTUS W PEASLEE,		

REPORT
OF THE
SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE
OF THE TOWN OF ATKINSON, N. H.

DISTRICT No. 1.

CALVIN W. NOYES, Prudential Committee.—This school was taught by Miss Mary J. Sanborn nineteen weeks and three days; she had 7 scholars—average 6; tardiness 28; children between four and fourteen not attending school, none; amount of money expended for each scholar eighteen and four-sevenths dollars.

DISTRICT No. 2.

JAMER KNIGHT, Prudential Committee.—This school was taught by Mr. Job A. Dow sixteen weeks. He had 10 scholars; average about 5; tardinesses 80; children between four and fourteen not attending school, 6; money expended for each scholar, thirteen dollars.

DISTRICT No. 3.

WM. M. THOMAS, Prudential Committee. This school was taught by Miss Frances Noyes, eighteen weeks and two days. She had 11 scholars; average 8; tardinesses 41; children between four and fourteen not attending school, none; money expended for each scholar, eleven and nine elevenths dollars.

DISTRICT No. 4.

JOHN PETTENGILL, Prudential Committee.—This school was taught by Miss Mary F. Stevens. She had 5 scholars ; average 4 ; tardinesses, 4 ; children between four and fourteen not attending school, none ; money expended for each scholar, twenty-two dollars.

DISTRICT No. 5

S. S. SHANNON, Prudential Committee.—This school was taught by Miss Nellie L. Locke eighteen weeks. She had 15 scholars ; average about 12 ; tardinesses 20 ; children between four and fourteen not attending school, none ; money expended for each scholar eight and two-thirds dollars.

Districts 1, 2, 3, 4 were taught by persons who had never taught in a public school before. The schools were small but afforded a fine opportunity to lay the foundation for future success.

No. 5 was taught by an experienced teacher with success. The number of scholars attending the town schools the past year was 48. The amount of money appropriated by the town for schools was six hundred and fifty dollars equally divided between the five districts. District No. 4 appropriated twenty dollars to send two advanced scholars to the Academy.

It would seem by the report of our town schools that education was flagging in this town, so noted in time past for its accomplished teachers. But it is not exactly so. There have forty-five scholars from this town attended the Academy the past year. Most of them pursuing advanced studies. They have had more weeks of schooling, of which they have paid less money than has been paid for our town schools. The question presents itself to every shrewd mind, would it not be wise, would it not be economical to appropriate a portion of our school money for our advanced scholars in the Academy? Here is an institution already organized, in successful operation, which has done and is doing a good work for the town and the country. A well appointed Academy is one of our best institutions of learning. The coming together of students from different localities, gives

better ideas of the world, and affords a more healthful stimulus to effort and terminates in a stronger character for duty and success than is ordinarily obtained in a common town school.

It has been well said, "if education is to be tested, we have only to enquire, what kind of men does it form?" Education itself is not an end, the knowledge which it gives, the training which it imparts, the graces with which it adorns, the splendor with which it invests the man, are none of them the final end to which it aims. The mighty influence for which it prepares the glorious triumphs of intellectual powers which it insures — the splendid results in words or deeds which endure as the lasting memorials of its power — none of these are its great objects. The end and aim is the manhood which it forms, the style of character which it produces and the combined product of intellect and soul, of principles and habits, which fit a man to perform, justly, skillfully and magnanimously all the officers, both private and public, of peace and war. It will thus be inferred that education has to do with something besides the intellect. The intellect is the instrument but not the force which weilds and guides it to its uses. It is the strong bow of Ulysses, but not the single eye and sturdy arm which sends the arrow home to the rightly chosen mark. The principles, the character, the living man, have quite as much to do with the attainments made, and certainly have they as much to do with the uses to which they are applied, as the training of the intellect however complete and splendid that training may be. If the intellect be not trained in harmony with a character rightly molded, and which is formed in obedience to the methods and will of the supreme, every attainment of intellect, makes the deficiency of the man more striking. We have many illustrations of this. If we put the education of our children into bad hands, we cannot justly complain if we reap that which we have sowed.

Respectfully submitted,

JESSE PAGE, Supt. School Com.

Atkinson, N. H., March 2, 1876.

